



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Municipal Police Training Academy

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RIMPTA Training Announcement

Texting/Cell Phone/Distracted Driving

Program Date: March 9, 2022
Time: 0830 – 1230 hours
Location: Rhode Island Department of Public Safety
Municipal Police Training Academy
Instructor: Richard T. Sullivan

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation – Office on Highway Safety will fund several Rhode Island communities who have agreed to develop, enforce, and sustain a Distracted Driving Enforcement Program – with strong emphasis on Texting and Driving. Those departments who have been awarded this grant are required to send their officers to this training. The training is also available for departments who are contemplating participating in the grant program.

The goal of this training is to provide the knowledge, insight and preplanning necessary to conduct effective Distracted Driving/Texting While Driving Enforcement Programs in your community.

Topics to be covered at the training include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Hands-Free and Texting Cell Phone Laws
2. Guidance for enforcing the Rhode Island General Laws pertaining to texting and cell phone use
3. Why police should enforce the texting while driving laws
4. Explanation of the elements of the violations that will lead to a successful conviction
5. How to obtain a conviction on a cell phone/texting/distracted driving violation
6. How to utilize earned media to highlight your Distracted/Texting Enforcement Program

Training Audience: Officers who will be actively enforcing Texting/Cell Phone laws with Rhode Island Department of Transportation – Office on Highway Safety grant money. Officers who are already tasked within their community with enforcing distracted driving laws.

This workshop is offered free of charge. To register, please complete the attached registration form and e-mail it to Mrs. Donna Lavalley at donna.lavalley@risp.gov by March 4, 2022.

Special note: Business casual attire or department uniform of the day is required at all Academy continuing education programs unless specifically noted.



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Course Title:		Police Department/Agency: (name and full address)	
Texting/Cell Phone/Distracted Driving			
Course Dates/Location: March 9, 2022 – 8:30-12:30 Rhode Island Department of Public Safety Municipal Police Training Academy Classroom	Contact Person (Supervisor):	Department/Business Phone:	
PARTICIPANT(S) NAME & RANK			
1 st Selection:			
E-Mail Address:			
2 nd Selection:			
E-Mail Address:			
3 rd Selection:			
E-Mail Address:			
<u>Please Email this form to the attention of:</u> Mrs. Donna Lavallee at donna.lavallee@risp.gov			
Please contact Richard Sullivan at Richard.sullivan@risp.gov or (401) 323-0494, with any questions regarding this training. RSVP by date March 4, 2022.			
For more information regarding the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety Municipal Police Training Academy please go to: www.rimpa.ri.gov .			